

session. There is a justification for breaking it out from all the others in addition to its being the dead cat on the line. It is the only bill among those which has a motion to prevent any discussion or any amendment, so that means it would be given, in fact, a free ride from General File to Final Reading without any chance to amend or to discuss. So the one bill that Senator Schmit really had an interest in is going to be handled in the way he had said that all of them should have been handled, that is to move it from General File to Final Reading without any discussion, without any amendment. That is what 854 is designed to achieve. We have talked about the issues involved in abortion and antiabortion and no positions have changed but some people's votes have changed, for whatever reason, and that is why we are where we are today, and it is why I have to try to find a way to rectify what was done yesterday. I don't know why people change their votes, but without that help that they got from people changing their votes, I would not be offering these motions that I have offered so far and the one that I am discussing now. I can deal with Senator Labeledz, I can deal with Senator Hall, I can deal with Senator Schmit because I know where they are on this issue. The people on the other side I am just not sure and it is too bad that it has to be discussed in terms of sides but we all know that is what it has boiled down to. For some, it is a matter of principle and I am one of those for whom it is a matter of principle, and I cannot give those affirmative votes for anything that is going to facilitate burdening a woman's decision as to whether or not she will have an abortion. There are people who voted against moving that package yesterday without regard to the fact that the abortion bill was in it because they didn't think that was the way we should legislate. So there were negative votes that may have had nothing to do with the abortion bill because there are some people who support restrictions who voted against that motion because they didn't feel the Legislature should behave in that fashion. But there are people who say they are against restricting a woman's right to an abortion who voted aye and facilitated the restriction of the woman's right should this bill be enacted. That is something that I cannot comprehend if we are acting on the basis of principle, and the discussion last year and this year purportedly was based on principle because it is one of those kind of issues. It is not one like a tax bill where you say we will give a little here and take a little there and meet someplace in the middle, which is what they are trying to do with LB 1059 and have tried to do with other pieces of legislation that deals with subjects of that sort. This is not